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# SONIC™

## THE HEDGEHOG



**SONIC**

**TAILS**

FREE PLAY

**TIME  
13**

**SELECT HERO**

FLYNN · THOMAS · HERMS

**ROUGH**

**TUMBLE**

**SEGA®**



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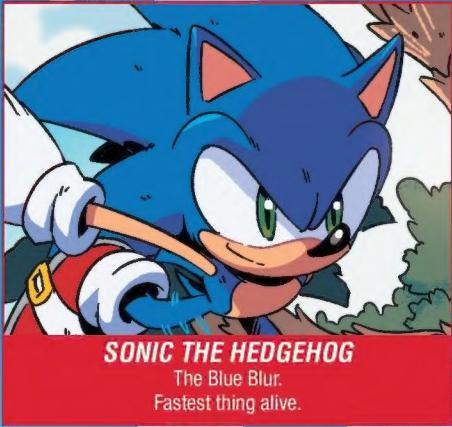


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# PREVIOUSLY



# ROLL CALL



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

The Blue Blur.

Fastest thing alive.



**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**

Tech-savvy Sidekick.

High-flying genius.



**ROUGH THE SKUNK**

Thug out for revenge.

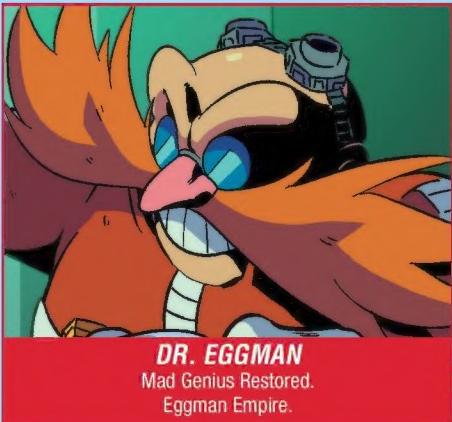
Tumble's brother.



**TUMBLE THE SKUNK**

Thug out for vengeance.

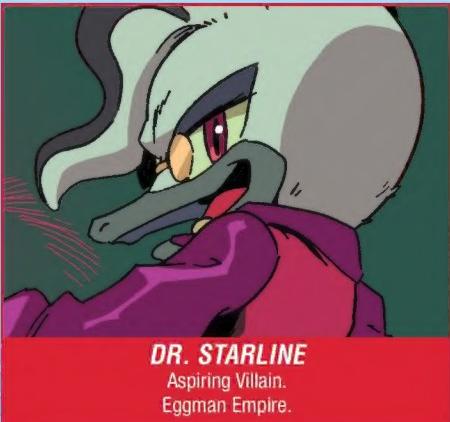
Rough's brother.



**DR. EGGMAN**

Mad Genius Restored.

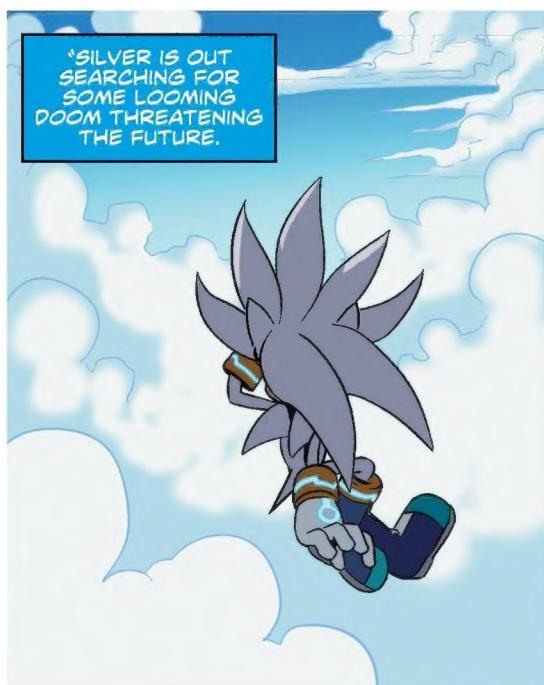
Eggman Empire.



**DR. STARLINE**

Aspiring Villain.

Eggman Empire.





I TOLD THEM THEY  
COULD RELAX. EGGMAN  
HAS "RETIRED", METAL  
SONIC IS DE-WEAPONIZED,  
AND EVERYTHING IS  
COOL.

WHEN  
I'M TELLING  
PEOPLE TO SLOW  
DOWN, YOU KNOW  
SOMETHING IS  
WRONG—  
HAHA!



SONIC!  
I THINK  
SOMETHING'S  
WRONG!

JINXED  
IT.



"YOU'RE  
CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO A WELCOME BACK  
PARTY IN WINDMILL  
VILLAGE TO CELEBRATE  
THE RETURN OF THE  
WORLD'S MOST  
BRILLIANT  
DOCTOR."

TAKE A  
LOOK AT  
THIS!

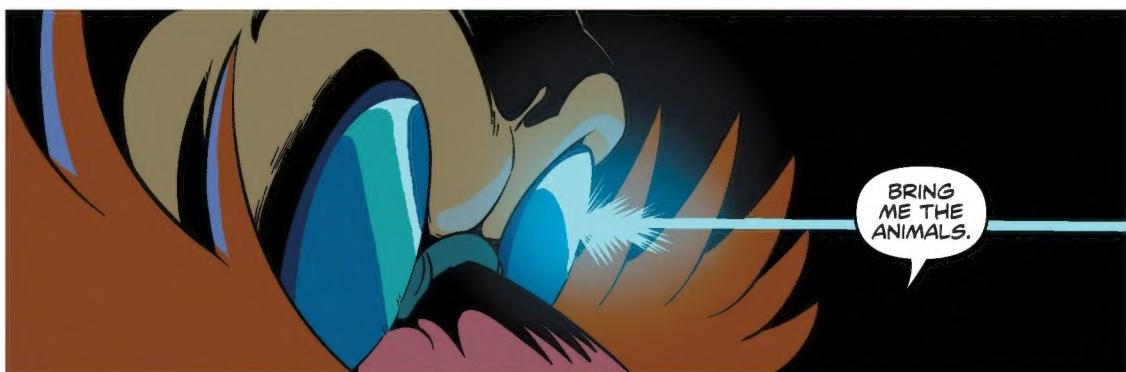
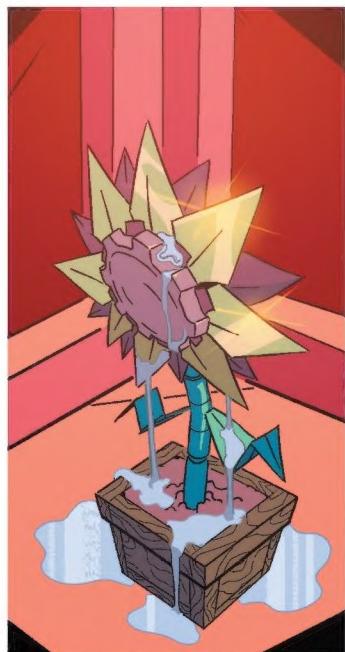


WHERE  
DID THIS  
COME FROM?

IT JUST  
APPEARED IN  
MY WORKSHOP.  
IT'S PRETTY  
SPOOKY,  
HONESTLY.





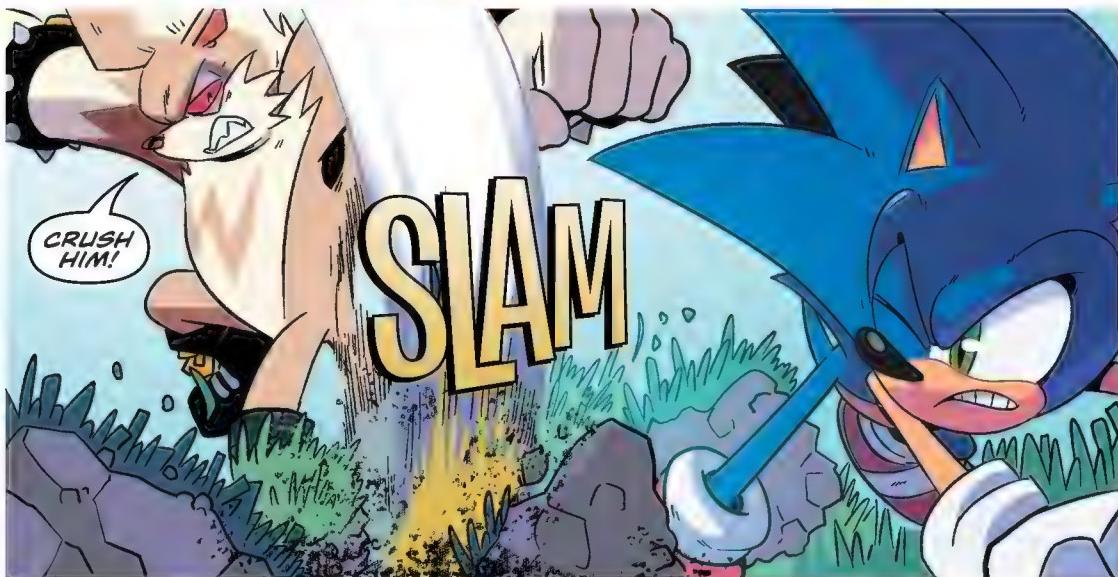






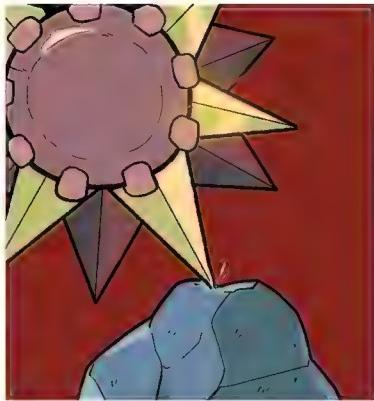
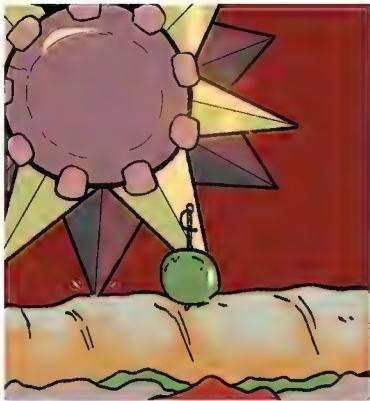




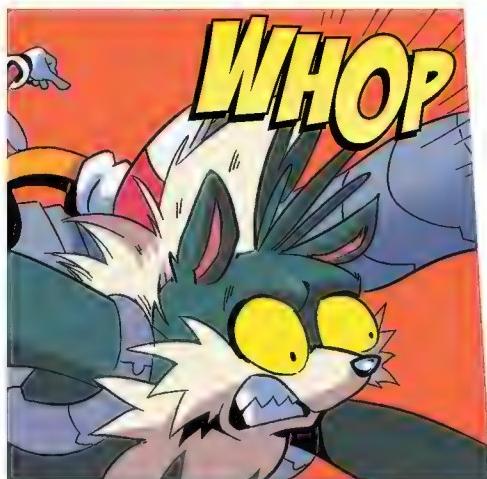
















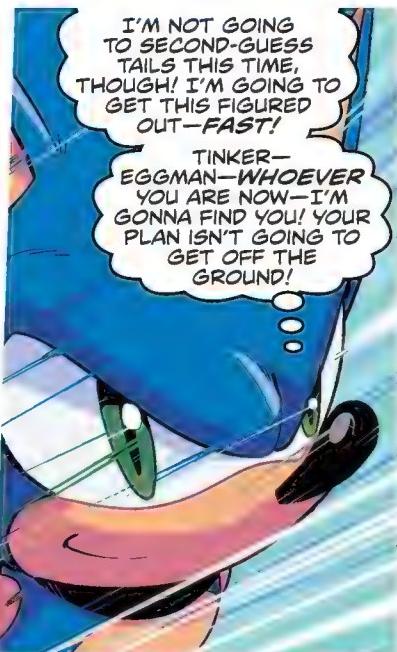
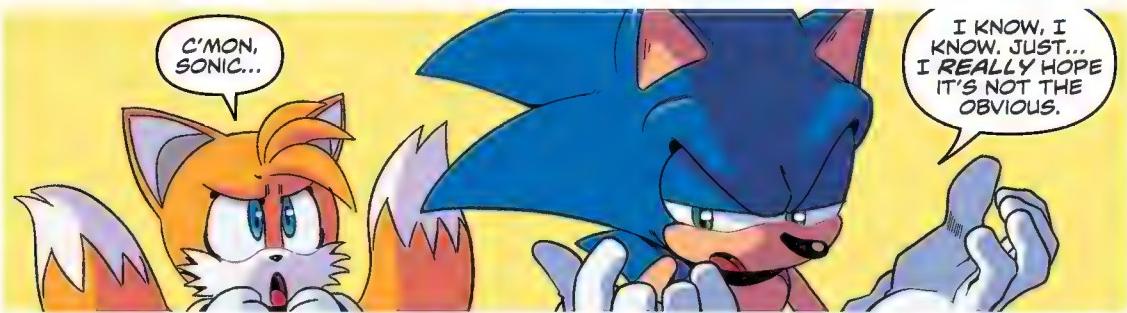














NEXT TIME:  
**SONIC VS.  
DR.  
STARLINE!**



# SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

What's up, Squad? We really hit the ground \*running\* with this one! It's a new season with brand-new adventures for Sonic and his friends, like "Calling Card" by Ian Flynn, Adam Bryce Thomas, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee! I don't know about you, but I'm pretty worried about what Dr. Eggman's gonna do with that metal virus he's cooking up. What's he going to do with that stuff?

While we're waiting for answers, let's check out some awesome art and letters!

Hi IDW,

My name is Marcus, I'm 9 years old and I live in Sydney, Australia. I also play a few of sonic games and they are 1. Sonic Unleashed, 2. Sonic The Hedgehog, 3. Sonic Dash and 4. Sonic Generations. I have been a Sonic fan for a few years already and I love drawing all the different generations of Sonic and it has made my drawing skills better and I really like reading the comics even though they are quite short. My favourite characters are 1. Tails, 2. Shadow, and 3. Sonic and I also copied Super Neo Metal Sonic from cover B of issue 10 and I hope you guys like it!

Your fan,  
Marcus Angsioco



Art by Marcus Angsiocco

Hi Marcus,

Thanks for your letter! I hope the extra four pages of this issue made it feel a little less short. We're really big fans of your way of outlining who you like and what you've played, so how about we use that format for some advice. 1. Keep drawing Sonic because you're good at it. 2. Keep reading comics because they're awesome! 3. Keep it up so one day, you'll be drawing Sonic comics!

Hello!

So, I really like Whisper the Wolf and her wisps and she's cool. I hope you like my picture of Whisper going to school.

Kellan C.



Art by Kellan Collado

Hi Kellan,

We really like your picture! Thanks for sending it to us! I know I wish I was going to wolf school! This does beg some very important questions though. Like, do the wisps get to come to school too or do they have to stay at home? Is this a school for wolves, a school run by wolves, or both? Regardless, if you like Whisper and her wisps, she's got some very cool adventures coming up really soon, starting with a team-up with Tangle in the Sonic the Hedgehog Annual 2019, out this March!

Hello Sonic comic team!

Another great job on the recent issue! Whisper is way past cool and I especially like the

interactions between her and her Wisps. The best part of the issue for me though, and I'm sure for some others, was Sonic's statement about not everyone wanting to be part of the crowd. As someone who has issues socially, that really resonated with me, as I'm sure it did with others as well. Part of what makes Sonic such a compelling character and a great hero is his compassionate nature and it really shined here. Thank you to the comic squad for including this and for continuing to make this series the best thing on the shelves.

Sincerely,  
Jason Kehoe



Art by Madison Roesing

Hi Jason,

Thanks for the kind words and glad you've been enjoying the series. One of the things all of us working on the comic have talked about a lot is making sure that the series does maintain Sonic's compassion and can resonate with our readers, so hearing that it did for you means we're on the right track.

I can't thank you enough for your contributions to the Sonic the Hedgehog comics. They are some of the most fun I've had reading any comic material in a long while. I have been a fan of the Sonic the Hedgehog series since 2010, specifically around the time Sonic Colors came out, and it's really nice to see you all put a fresh new twist on a long-

running franchise. I am so far loving everything about your comic, and I excitedly wait for what is to come in later entries.

P.S., Mr. Tinker is the new best Sonic character. No ifs, ands, or buts about it.

With pleasure,  
Jacob



Art by Liam Gelinas

Hi Jacob,

Really glad that you're digging the series! Also... Sorry about Mr. Tinker! It wasn't our ideal! Dr. Starline made us do it! Okay, maybe not, but it'll be interesting to see how his time as Mr. Tinker has changed Eggman. Just two issues ago, he was, dare I say, sweet? Maybe he'll keep some of that inherent goodness and love in his heart? Probably not, but we can dream!

That's all for this time! Don't forget to send your art and letters to [letters@idwpublishing.com](mailto:letters@idwpublishing.com), and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! We'll see you next issue as Sonic and Dr. Starline come face-to-face for the first time!

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BOY GENIUS >  
< CONDUCTS  
EXPERIMENTS  
IN HIS LAB >

< DEE DEE - SISTER /  
SABOTEUR >  
< DESTROYS  
EXPERIMENTS IN  
HER BROTHER'S LAB >

< MOTHER AND FATHER -  
PARENTAL UNITS >  
< MUST NOT KNOW  
ABOUT LAB >



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SUCCESS  
IS WITHIN  
MY GRASP.

I, DEXTER-BOY GENIUS,  
AM MAKING THE  
DOCUMENTATION ON  
THIS HISTORIC DAY.

HERE, FATHER  
SLUMBERS,  
UNAWARE  
OF TODAY'S  
IMPORTANCE.

ZZZ  
**SNORRRR**  
ZZZ

AND MOTHER, WITH  
THE COOKING AND  
THE BREAKFAST  
OF CHAMPIONS.

AFTER TODAY,  
I SHALL BE  
THE GREATEST  
OF CHAMPIONS.

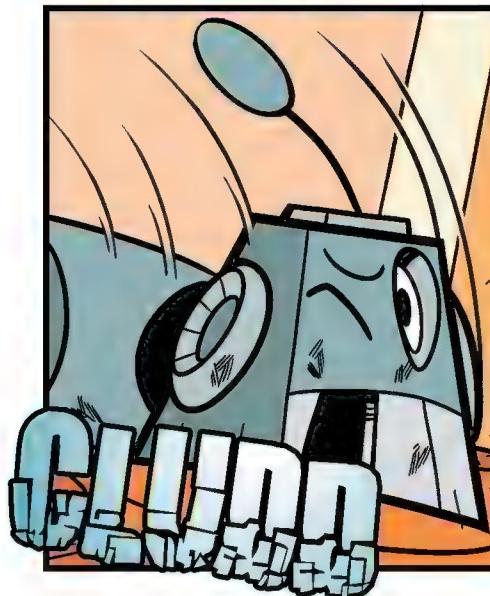
UNFORTUNATELY, FOR THE SAKE  
OF POSTERITY, I MUST RECORD  
FURTHER, CONTAINED WITHIN  
THIS CAGE, A MOST FOUL BEAST.

VILE, DISGUSTING...

MY SISTER... **DEE DEE!**

**SNIFFFF**  
MMMM...  
PANCAKES!

**WHAM**



TO MY SECRET LAB  
I MUST ATTEND.

VRRRT

WITH VICTORY, BUT  
ALSO DANGER, SO  
CLOSE, I HAVE TAKEN  
THE NECESSARY  
PRECAUTIONS.

MY LABORATORY IS  
IN LOCKDOWN MODE.

WITH UPDATED  
SCANNING  
TECHNOLOGY.

ADVANCED RETINA  
OPTIMIZATION.

AND NEWLY  
DEvised DNA  
VERIFICATION.

OK!

YOU MAY  
BE WONDERING,  
WHAT SCIENTIFIC  
BREAKTHROUGH  
I AM ABOUT TO  
ACHIEVE?

ALLOW  
ME TO  
EXPLAIN...

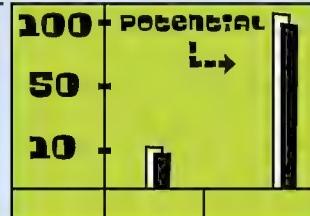
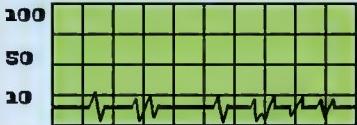
LOOK UPON THE  
HUMAN BRAIN.

AN ORGAN OF  
SOFT NERVOUS  
TISSUE USED  
TO COORDINATE  
SENSATION AND  
INTELLIGENCE.

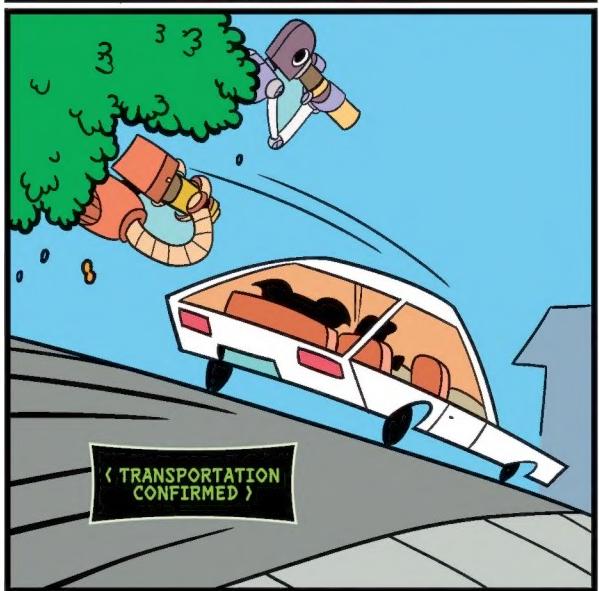
THIS GLOB OF MATTER MAY  
BE LIMITED IN SIZE, BUT  
NOT IN ITS POTENTIAL.

MOST HUMANS USE  
ONLY A FRACTION  
OF ITS POWER.  
BUT TODAY, I WILL  
UNLOCK ALL OF IT.

$$x + \sqrt{30} - 22 = \frac{x}{y}$$



AFTER ONE YEAR  
OF REFINING  
MY FORMULA  
FOR MAXIMUM  
POTENCY, I AM  
NOW READY FOR  
THE FINAL STEP.



EXCELLENT!

MY METICULOUS PLANNING HAS PAID OFF.

I HAVE WAITED FOR THIS EXACT MOMENT.

WITH DEE DEE AWAY AT HER DANCE RECITAL, SHE IS NOT HERE TO RUIN ANYTHING.

I CAN FEEL MY BRAIN GROWING IN ANTICIPATION!

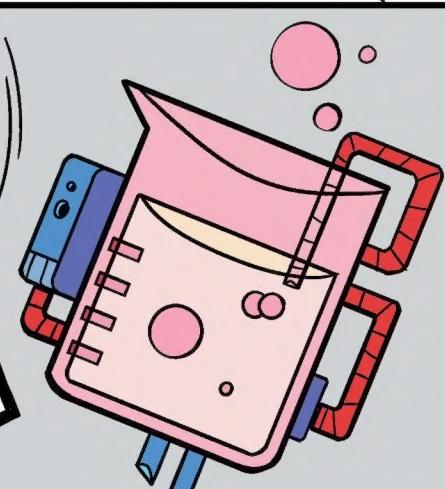
LET US BEGIN!

{ CONTAINMENT DOOR SEALED }

BLUURP BLUURP

{ ZERO GRAVITY ACTIVATED }

ONLY SECONDS TO GO BEFORE I MUST ADD THE FINAL INGREDIENT...



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